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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EFIS PLOS EC US

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF US TUNA VESSELS: USE OF RADIO AND NUMBER OF
GUARDS ON VESSELS

REF: GUAYAQUIL 222

1. AT AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST, NAVATT CALLED ON NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF SORROSA AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 7 TO REQUEST THAT BAN BE LIFTED ON USE OF RADIOS ON BOARD SEIZED TUNA VESSELS. SORROSA SAID THAT ECUADOREAN LAW PROHIBITS USE OF RADIOS BY VESSELS IN PORT, INCLUDING THOSE OF ECUADOREAN FLAG. HE OFFERED AS AN ALTERNATIVE, HOWEVER, TO ALLOW PERSONNEL OF THE SEIZED VESSELS TO USE THE RADIO IN THE SALINAS PORT CAPTAIN'S OFFICE AND ON THE SALINAS NAVY BASE. CONSUL GENERAL DEWITT, NOW ENROUTE SALINAS, WILL PURSUE THIS FURTHER IN SALINAS ON FEBRUARY 8.

2. NAVATT ALSO INQUIRED OF SORROSA WHETHER THEY NEEDED THAT MANY GUARDS ON THE SHIPS. AFTER COMMUNICATING WITH SALINAS SORROSA GAVE INSTRUCTIONS THAT NO MORE THAN FOUR GUARDS SHOULD BE ON EACH SHIP. THIS SHOULD MEAN THAT THE NUMBER OF GUARDS ON THE CITY OF LISBON (PRESENTLY TWELVE) WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED.

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